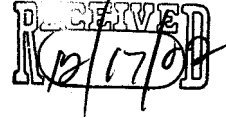


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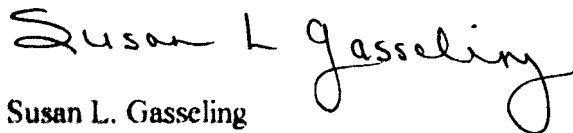
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a member of a large family who has grown hops in the Yakima Valley for more than 70 years and I am an extreme advocate in support of the Federal Marketing Order in the hop industry.

The American hop producer is the most efficient in the world and has the ability to overproduce his crop. I believe that a Federal Marketing Order will address this problem. A Federal Marketing Order, in my opinion, will help bring stability from a financing standpoint.

Sincerely yours,



Susan L. Gasseling